most roads do not have the prescribed width. The Kozhencherry-Mannarkulanji and the Peruchal-Utimood village roads are of the above description and cannot therefore be taken over for departmental maintenance. The road from Kumbazha *kadavu* to Konni Koyikkal *kadavu* has been taken over for departmental maintenance. The question of taking over the road from Melukara to Ranni will be referred to the Road Board.

The Government do not think that there is any necessity for a separate Road Board for the Pattanamtitta taluk, especially because the Pattanamtitta member is on the District Board.

In regard to the opening a veterinary hospital at Pattanamtitta, there is a general scheme of opening such hospitals in the State. When the turn of your taluk comes according to the scheme, a hospital will be established there.

As for the opening of a manure depot in the Pattanamtitta taluk, the policy of the Agricultural Department is to appoint commission agents for the sale of manures. The question will be easily solved if some merchant from Pattanamtitta comes forward and accepts the local agency.

The question of appointing an Agricultural Inspector will be decided along with that of opening a veterinary hospital.

As for visiting the Pattanamtitta taluk, I may tell you that it is my intention to visit every taluk of the State and stay for one or two days to study in detail local conditions. But I cannot now say the exact time of visit to each taluk.]

104. Needs of the Tiruvalla Municipality.

MR. K. V. SRIDHARAN MOOSSATU (*Municipal Council, Tiruvalla*) said that the control exercised by the Land Revenue Department over the *poramboke* lands situated within the limits of the municipality rendered the task of municipal administration rather difficult. The lanes within the municipality could not be kept clean owing to the control of that department over such lands. All the *poramboke* lands should be clearly demarcated and handed over to the Municipal Council, which should also be given power to remove encroachments.

The hospital building at Tiruvalla was too small. A more spacious building should be constructed, after acquiring additional lands for providing better accommodation to patients. As more than half the number of patients treated in the institution were women, a woman doctor and an additional nurse should be appointed there. A maternity ward should also be opened in the hospital.

The waterway from Tiruvalla to Alleppey called the Market Canal, was opened by the Government at a cost of Rs. 25,000. But the canal was not of much use to the public, as it got nearly dried up during the hot season. It should be deepened and widened. A bridge should be constructed at the Muttoor ferry.

The building of the Vernacular Middle School for Girls was very old, ill-ventilated and too small. A better building should be constructed on the site. English should be taught in the Vernacular Middle School for Girls. As the Vernacular High school at Tiruvalla was a mixed school, the women's section of the school should be transferred to the Paliyakara Girls' school, after opening classes VIII and IX there.

DEWAN'S REPLY:—Mr Sridharan Moossatu, നിങ്ങളുടെ ഒന്നാമത്തെ പായിന്റു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കകത്തുള്ള പുറമ്പോക്കിനെസംബന്ധിച്ചാണ്. പുറമ്പോക്കുകൾ ലാൻഡ് റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ അധീനതയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു വളരെ കഴപ്പങ്ങളും പ്രയാസവും ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. എന്നാൽ നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞതിൽനിന്നും അതുവളരെ കഴപ്പവും പ്രയാസവുമുള്ളതായിട്ടു കാണുന്നില്ല. നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞതിൽ പ്രധാനമായിട്ടുള്ളതു് ഇടവഴികൾ വൃത്തിയാക്കുന്നതിന് ഇതൊരു ബാധകമായിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നാണ്. പുറമ്പോക്കുകൾ ലാൻഡ്റവന്യൂഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ അധീനതയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നതു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി ഇടവഴികൾ വൃത്തിയാക്കുന്നതിനു ഒരു തടസ്ഥമായിട്ടുവരാൻ ഇടയില്ല. പിന്നീടു പുറമ്പോക്കു ആക്രമണത്തെ (encroachment) ഒഴിപ്പിക്കാനുള്ള അധികാരം വേണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു.

MEMBER: അതിലേക്കുള്ള അധികാരം വേണ്ട. പുറമ്പോക്കുകൾ ഏതാണെന്നു തിരിച്ചു കാണിച്ചുതന്നാൽമതി. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി താലൂക്കുകാരോടു അപേക്ഷിച്ചാൽ അവർ അതു ചെയ്യുതരികയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു എൻക്രോച്ചുമെൻറു വേർതിരിച്ചു കാണിക്കുന്നതിനു ഏർപ്പാടുചെയ്യണം.

DEWAN: എൻക്രോച്ചുമെൻറു ഉണ്ടെന്നു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റി അറിയിച്ചാൽ അങ്ങിനെ ആക്രമിച്ചവരെ ശിക്ഷിക്കേണ്ട ചുമതല ലാൻഡ്റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകാർക്കുണ്ട്. നിങ്ങൾ അതിനെ അറിയിച്ചാൽമാത്രം മതി. ലാൻഡ്റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകാർ അതനുസരിച്ചു പ്രവർത്തിക്കാതെയിരുന്നാൽ അതേസംബന്ധിച്ചു് ലാൻഡ്റവന്യൂകമ്മീഷണരെ തെയ്യപ്പെടുത്താം. അതിലും നിവൃത്തിവരാത്തപക്ഷം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു റിപ്പോർട്ടുചെയ്താൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു വേണ്ടതു പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നതാണ്. അല്ലാതെ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കകത്തുള്ള പുറമ്പോക്കുകളിന്മേലുള്ള സകല അധികാരവും മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്കു വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.

ആശുപത്രിക്കു കൂടുതൽ സ്ഥലം എടുക്കുന്നസംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറു ആലോചനനടത്തിവരികയാണു്. ഒരു ലേഡിഡാക്ടറെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനെസംബന്ധിച്ചു് മാവേലിക്കരമെമ്പർക്കു പറഞ്ഞ മറുപടിതന്നെയാണു നിങ്ങൾക്കും പറയാനുള്ളതു്. അതായതു് പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ആശുപത്രികളിൽ ലേഡിഡാക്ടർമാരെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനെസംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള ഒരു ജനറൽ സ്കീം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കയാണു്. അതിൻെറ തീരുമാനം വരുമ്പോൾ നിങ്ങളുടെ നിവേദനത്തെപ്പറ്റിയും ആലോചിക്കാം.

മറേറണിറ്റിവാർഡു് (maternity ward) വേണം എന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതും ലേഡീഡാക്ടരുടെ നിയമനത്തോടുകൂടി വേണ്ടതാണു്.

പബ്ലിക്കു്വർക്ക്സിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് നിങ്ങൾ ഒന്നാമതായി പറഞ്ഞ ജോലി സാങ്ക്ഷനായിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിലേക്കു വേണ്ട സ്ഥലം എടുക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള നടപടി നടത്തിവരികയാണു്.

മുത്തൂർ കടത്തുകടവിൽ ഒരു പാലം വേണമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു് റോഡു ബോഡിലേക്കു് റെഫർ ചെയ്യാം.

[It has been stated that due to the control exercised by the Land Revenue Department over *porambokes* within municipal limits, much difficulty is experienced by the Municipality in several ways, especially in the matter of keeping the lanes clean. The control exercised by that Department cannot be a bar to the keeping of the lanes clean. Then, in regard to the request for the grant of power to deal with encroachments, it should be noted that it is the duty of the Land Revenue Department to deal with such cases. It is enough if the Municipality brings to the notice of the Land Revenue Department any cases of encroachment. But if the authorities do not take any action in the matter, the Land Revenue Commissioner may be informed of the matter. If no action is taken by him also, it is open to the Municipal Council to report the matter to the Government. The control over *porambokes* cannot, in the circumstances, be vested in the Council.

The question of acquiring more lands for the use of the hospital is under consideration.

As for the appointment of a lady doctor, the matter will be considered along with the general scheme of appointing such doctors in the chief hospitals of the State. The question of opening a maternity ward has to be taken up along with that of appointing a lady doctor.

The work of widening and deepening the market canal has been sanctioned and proceedings for the acquisition of the required extent of land are in progress.

As for the construction of a bridge at Muttur ferry, the matter will be referred to the Road Board.

In regard to the improvement of the building of the Vernacular Middle School for Girls, Tiruvella, it is under consideration. Government will take up the work soon.

Your second point is about teaching English in the Vernacular Middle School for Girls. It is also under consideration. I will expedite that matter.

With regard to the transfer of the women's section of the V. H. School to the Paliyakara School for Girls, I may say that that is not a new subject. I find that that matter was brought to the notice of Government on a previous occasion; Government then went into the whole question and decided that for several reasons, it was not expedient to make that transfer.]

105. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. CHINGAN NARAYANARU BHATTATIRI (*Tiruvalla taluk, Group I*) said that the inhabitants of the taluk had been requesting the Government from 1099 onwards to sanction the opening of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla. The member then presented a memorial of the people of Tiruvalla, praying for the early redress of their grievance in the matter.

The condition of the building in which the Vernacular Middle School for Girls at Tiruvalla was held was deplorable. The classrooms were very small and rain poured down in torrents through the roof during the monsoons. A suitable building should be constructed for the school and its compound should be properly enclosed.

A resolution was passed in the Legislative Council that Government should encourage homeopathic treatment which was fast coming into vogue in the State. A homeopathic dispensary, receiving financial and other aids from the Government, should be opened and the physicians engaged in this system of treatment in various parts of the State should be given grants-in-aid.

The market canal was opened at a heavy cost with a view to facilitating transport of goods from Tiruvalla to the Alleppey port; but the mercantile community and the trading interests were not able to avail themselves always of the facility so provided, owing to the scarcity of water in the canal during seasons of drought. The canal should be deepened and widened.

In the Tiruvalla taluk, large areas of land were submerged in flood water during the monsoon months, while in the hot season there was utter scarcity of water. The question of the drainage and water supply in the taluk was therefore a very important one. The member made the following suggestions, which were designed to eliminate the